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In re application of

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, dated September 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Species of embodiment 2, corresponding to Figure 3 of the application, without traverse. Claims 1 and 3 read on the elected species, with claim 1 being generic to all species.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

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